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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- 1) Claims 1-10, 17-26, drawn to a bola amphiphile composition.
- 2) Claims 11, 12, 27, 28, 33-36, drawn to a micelle that comprises a biological or pharmaceutical agent.
- 3) Claims 13 & 29, drawn to a method of making a micelle.
- 4) Claims 14 and 30, drawn to a method of encapsulating a composition that comprises a therapeutic agent.
- 5) Claims 15 and 31, drawn to a method of treating a patient.
- 6) Claims 16 and 32, drawn to a method of encapsulating a nanotube.

The claimed inventions are distinct.

Inventions 2 and 1 are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations. (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because. The bola amphiphile compositions have separate utility such as detergents or models for *beta*-sheet self-assembly within amyloid fibrils or emulsions for light sensitive emulsions or cosmetics or in gene therapy. However, in the event that Group 1 is elected, and claims therein found allowable, it is likely that novelty would accrue to Group 2.

Inventions 2 and 5 are actually not related as product and process of use. Group 5 requires encapsulation, which is not required by Group 2. However, in the event that Group 2 is elected, and claims therein found allowable, the issue of restriction between Groups 2 and 5 may be revisited.

Inventions 3 and 1 are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP 806.05(f)). However, in the event that Group 1 is elected, and claims therein found allowable, claims that are drawn to a method of making the allowable compositions will be rejoined for further examination.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In addition to the foregoing, applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect disclosed species (as follows) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In the event that Group 1 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of each of the following:

- a) one of the following: (i) a bola amphiphile composition, or (ii) a self- assembled micelle;

- b) the contents of the bola amphiphile composition or self- assembled micelle in which 100% of the compounds present are accounted for;

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In the event that Group 2 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of the contents of the micelle, such that 100% of the ingredients present are accounted for.

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In the event that Group 3 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of each of the following:

- a) the contents of the "first solution"; and
- b) the contents of the "second composition"

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In the event that Group 4 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of each of the following:

- a) a specific bola amphiphile,
- b) a specific "therapeutic agent".

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In the event that Group 5 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of each of the following:

- a) a specific bola amphiphile,
- b) a specific "therapeutic agent".

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In the event that Group 6 is chosen for initial examination, election is required of a specific bola amphiphile.

Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a generic claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentable distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the other invention.



Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached at (571)272-0562. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.



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